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Amendments to the title:

The Title found on the cover page is amended as follows:

A Polynucleotide Encoding ~~MRE11~~ MRE11 Binding Polypeptide and Uses Thereof

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides isolated polynucleotides encoding ~~MRE14~~ MRE11 binding polypeptides, recombinant expression cassettes, host cells, and transgenic plants comprising said polynucleotides.